Import of Kerosene by private parties

*88. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have permitted private parties to import kerosene, and distribute to the public;

(b) how many parties have been permitted to import keresene; and

(c) what are the guidelines issued to the private parties for distribution of the imported kerosene?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS: (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) Under the Parallel Marketing System, the private parties are allowed to import and market Kerosene at market determined prices through their own network of dealers, under their own terms.

(b) Individual parties do not need specific permission from this Ministry for import, as kerosene had been decanalised.

(c) The parallel marketing of Kerosene has been permitted under the provisions of kerosene (Restriction on Use and Fixation of Ceiling Price) Order, 1993, which only requires that the parallel marketeers should intimate to Government their intension and capabilities to import, transport, market, distribute or sell before comencement of these activities and submit a monthly return giving details of Kerosene imported by them. No licence is to be issued by the Central Government. However, distributors may have to follow local applicable rules.

Forged vouchers for LPG connections

*89. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that over five lakhs of Gas connections have been issued against bogus Termination Voucher and if so, what action Government propose to take;

(b) whether the petroleum vigilance body has been advised to investigate in this matter; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is a fact that various gangs are operating all over the country in circulating bogus Termination Vouchers in league with LPG distributors and oil company employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) There have been reports of LPG connections obtained by unscruplous elements against bogus/fake Termination Vouchers.

(b) and (c) Whenever such cases come to the notice of LPG marketing oil companies, they are investigated. If the same is established, the deposit of such customers is forfeited and the equipments withdrawn/recovered. The matter is also reported to Police for investigation, and further legal action.

Shipping of internal security academy from Mount ABU

*90. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to shift the Internal Security Academy to some other place from Mount Abu;

(b) if so, what are the circumstances which compelled Government to take such a decision;

(c) whether it is also a fact that proper facilities are not available for the trainee jawans; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken/likely to be taken by Government to provide better training facilities for the